

**MINUTES**

**INDIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**JANUARY 26, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Dr. Headley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency Conference Room W064, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 15-5-1.1-6(c).

**Board Members Present:**

Richard Headley, D.V.M. – Chair  
Patricia Kovach, D.V.M. – Vice Chair  
Paul Clemente, D.V.M.  
William Somerville, D.V.M.  
Susan Pedigo, R.V.T.  
Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian

**Board Members Absent:**

Robin Waltz, D.V.M.  
Frank Andrew, Consumer Member

**State Officials Present:**

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency  
Heather Hollcraft, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency  
Phillip Thompson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

KOVACH/CLEMENTE  
Motion carried 5-0-0

**III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 AND DECEMBER 1, 2010 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the September 27, 2010 meeting of the Board.

KOVACH/PEDIGO  
Motion carried 5-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the December 1, 2010 meeting of the Board.

KOVACH/PEDIGO

Motion carried 5-0-0

#### IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Headley welcomed the addition of two new Board members; Dr. Paul Clemente, D.V.M. from Fort Wayne, Indiana and Dr. William Somerville, D.V.M. from Clinton, Indiana.

#### V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

##### A. Probation

1. **Robert Maier, D.V.M., License No. 24006439A**  
Administrative Cause No. 2010 VB 0004

Dr. Maier appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding his ongoing probationary status. Dr. Maier outlined the reason of his probation for the benefit of the new Board members. Dr. Maier indicated to the Board that treatment is going well. He also stated that he has had two interviews for employment but no offers as of this date. He is currently on a list for relief veterinary work through the IVMA. The Board commended Dr. Maier on his progress. Dr. Maier is scheduled for his next probationary appearance on March 30, 2011.

##### B. Renewal

1. **Rex Allen Miller, D.V.M., License No. 24005978A**

Dr. Miller appeared before the Board, as requested, regarding the renewal of his expired veterinary license. The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency showed concern over Dr. Miller's failure to renew his license on time, as this is not the first time it has happened. Dr. Miller explained to the Board that the first time it lapsed was his fault as he failed to renew in a timely manner. He then explained the second time it lapsed was due to him not receiving the renewal notice from the office of IPLA. IPLA's records show a reminder was sent to Dr. Miller on August 7, 2009. Dr. Miller stated he takes full responsibility and should know to renew every two years. He told the Board he would be placing the renewal date on his calendar in the future. Dr. Miller submitted acceptable continuing education as requested by IPLA for the 2007-2009 renewal period and currently has 45 hours of continuing education for the upcoming renewal.

**Board action:** A motion was made and seconded to grant the renewal of Dr. Miller's veterinary license.

KOVACH/CLEMENTE  
Motion carried 5-0-0

##### C. Applications

There were no applications before the Board.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING**

- A. State of Indiana vs. Richard Hughes, D.V.M., License No. 24004850A**  
Administrative Cause No. 2010 VB 0005  
Re: Complaint

**Parties and Counsel Present:**

Respondent was not present, nor represented by Counsel  
Darren Covington, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana  
Sherry Rutledge, Court Reporter

**Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Headley, D.V.M., Chairman (Hearing Officer)  
Dr. Kovach, D.V.M.  
Dr. Clemente, D.V.M.  
Dr. Somerville, D.V.M.  
Susan Pedigo, R.V.T.

**Case Summary:** Respondent did not appear as required for a hearing regarding a Complaint filed against Respondent's expired veterinary license dated December 17, 2010. Respondent's name was called three (3) times in and about the premises but did not appear in person or by counsel. Respondent received proper notice of the hearing. The State requested the Board to issue a Notice of Proposed Default in this matter based upon in not appearing.

**Board action:** A motion was made and seconded to grant the State's request for a Notice of Proposed Default.

CLEMENTE/KOVACH  
Motion carried 5-0-0

**VII. DISCUSSION**

- A. Steven L. Halstead, President**  
**United States Animal Health Association**  
Re: 1010 Resolution 11

The Board discussed a letter received by Dr. Halstead. Dr. Halstead is the State Veterinarian for Michigan. Dr. Marsh stated he is familiar with the United States Animal Health Association as he is a past president of this organization. Dr. Marsh explained to the Board that they are trying to get approval to be a continuing education sponsor for the USDA. This would give the United States Animal Health Association federal approval and fall under automatic approval for sponsorship of continuing education programs in the State of Indiana. Ms. Vaught will respond to Dr. Halstead with this information.

**B. American Association of Veterinary State Boards**

Re: December 2010

The Board discussed items included in the AAVSB December 2010 newsletter.

**C. National Board Report**

Re: November 2010

The Board discussed items included in the NBVME November 2010 newsletter.

**D. Bruce Arthur Preston, D.V.M., License No. 24005721A**

Cause No. 2009 VB 0004

Re: Petition for Removal of Probation

The Board is in receipt of a petition from Dr. Preston requesting that the probation be lifted from his veterinary license. Dr. Preston's current probationary order states he cannot apply for a hearing for withdrawal of probation for a period of five (5) years from the date of the final order. The Board discussed the issues surrounding Dr. Preston's probation. A letter from his behavioral counselor, Tim Armstrong, was also reviewed.

**Board action:** A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Preston's request for a hearing for withdrawal of probation from his veterinary license.

KOVACH/SOMERVILLE

Motion carried 5-0-0

**E. Veterinary Technicians**

Re: Letter to the Programs

The Board discussed the necessity of sending correspondence to the veterinary technician programs explaining the registration process and requirements for veterinary technicians in the State of Indiana. Ms. Vaught stated she would send a letter to the programs with the requested information.

**VIII. APPLICATION REVIEW**

**A. Endorsement**

There were no applications by examination for the Board to review.

**B. Examination**

**1. Ashlee Marie DiPalmo, R.V.T.**

The Board reviewed Ms. DiPalmo's application for registration as a veterinary technician by examination. Ms. DiPalmo is a June 18, 2010 graduate of International Business College and has taken and passed the VTNE examination on December 10, 2010. Ms. DiPalmo indicated on her application that she is currently performing veterinary technician duties at her place of employment and has been since July 28, 2010. The Board requested that Ms. DiPalmo personally appear at the March 30, 2011 meeting for further discussion of her application for before them regarding her application for registration.

**C. Professional Corporation**

There were no professional corporation applications for the Board to review.

**IX. RENEWALS**

There were no renewals for the Board to review.

**X. PROBATIONARY REPORT**

There were no probationary reports for the Board to review.

**XI. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**A. Cincinnati Animal Referral & Emergency Center**

"Management & Communication Skills for the DVM Office"

Cincinnati, OH

February 15, 2011

**Hours Granted:** 0 Hours Granted

**Board action:** The Board denied the request for continuing education for Cincinnati Animal Referral & Emergency Center due to the content of the program being practice management.

**B. For the Animals**

"The Vital Force – Weekend Workshop in Classical Non-Speciated Homeopathy"

Indianapolis, IN

April 16 – 17, 2011

**Hours Granted:** 10 Hours for Vets and Vet Techs

**C. Pfizer Animal Health**

"Leptospirosis: Missing the Diagnosis? Or Misdiagnosing"

Indianapolis, IN

January 25, 2011

**Hours Granted:** 1.5 Hours for Veterinarians

**D. Boehringer Ingelheim**

"Maximizing Dentistry in Your Practice"

Hope, IN

January 15, 2011

**Hours Granted:** 5 Hours for Vets and Vet Techs

**Board action:** The Board voted to approve the above applications for continuing education hours from For the Animals, Pfizer Animal Health, and Boehringer Ingelheim.

KOVACH/CLEMENTE  
Motion carried 5-0-0

## **XII. REPORTS**

### **A. Consumer Complaints – Dr. Waltz**

There was no report given by Dr. Waltz at this meeting of the Board.

### **B. State Veterinarian's Report – Dr. Marsh**

Dr. Marsh reported the Governor signed a bill last year to establish care standards with the Board of Animal Health (BOAH) for livestock and poultry. This went into effect January 1, 2011. BOAH is working on dictating principles for the care standards; basically stating the animal's needs for food, water, and shelter, among other items. Dr. Marsh spoke of the TB investigation and stated it continues today. He explained that in December they found a cow positive with TB in a packing plant in Michigan and Indiana is on the list again as a potential area for TB. BOAH has put the taskforce back on TB eradication. Dr. Marsh attended a meeting on January 26 regarding the reproductive syndrome called RNA virus for swine. This has not been previously investigated, but now will be. He also discussed paraplasmosis issues in Indiana with horses coming from Texas. King Ranch in Texas is offering reimbursement to individuals if they have any equine purchased from their ranch testing positive for paraplasmosis. The State will now require this test for race tracks in Indiana for horses coming in, including thoroughbreds and quarter horses as well as any equine travelling with these specific horses. He also touched on dairy farms being discussed again for farm level milks and cheeses. Lastly, the Board considered changes for rabies vaccines to be given by veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants but voted to keep it the way it currently is where only veterinarians can provide these vaccinations.

## **XIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

### **NAVLE EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2010**

The NAVLE has released the results from the November - December 2010 NAVLE examination for veterinarians. Of the 69 candidates that took the NAVLE in Indiana, there were 61 passing scores and 8 failures.

### **VTNE EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR DECEMBER 2010**

The AAVSB has released the results from the December 2010 VTNE examination for veterinary technicians. Of the 80 candidates that took the VTNE in Indiana, there were 32 passing scores and 48 failures.

**XIV. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

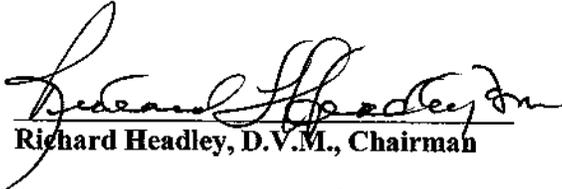
There were no other items for consideration before the Board.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**Board action:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn this meeting of the Board at 10:45 a.m.

PEDIGO/SOMERVILLE  
Motion carried 5-0-0

  
Richard Headley, D.V.M., Chairman

5-30-11  
Date

  
Patricia Kovach, D.V.M., Vice Chair

3-30-11  
Date